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2015 Delaware Farms and Land in Farms

The number of farms in Delaware for 2015 is estimated at 2,500 farms, unchanged from previous year, according to Dale Hawks, Acting State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Delaware Field Office. Total land in farms, at 500 thousand acres, is unchanged from 2014. The average farm size for 2015 is 200 acres, also unchanged from the previous year.

Farm numbers and land in farms are differentiated by six economic sales classes. Farms and ranches are classified into these six sales classes by summing the sales of agricultural products and government program payments. Sales class breaks occur at \$10,000, \$100,000, \$250,000, \$500,000, and \$1,000,000. Producers were asked during the 2015 mid-year surveys to report the value of sales based on production during the 2014 calendar year.

Delaware Highlights

Number of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 870 farm, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 370 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 380 farms, unchanged.

Farmland by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 20 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 100 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 270 thousand acres, unchanged.

Average sizes of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999: 23 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999: - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999: - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999: - withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999: 270 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more: 711 acres, unchanged.

The complete Farms and Land in Farms report is available online at <http://usda.nannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/FarmLandIn/FarmLandIn-02-18-2016.pdf>

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